

**REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF ARTS AND SCIENCES IN DESIGN+
(BASc (Design+))**

These regulations are applicable to candidates admitted to the first year of the Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Design+ in 2019-20 and thereafter.

(See also General Regulations and Regulations for First Degree Curricula)

Admission to the degree

DESN1 To be eligible for admission to the degree of Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Design+ (hereinafter referred to as (BASc (Design+))), a candidate shall:

- (a) comply with the General Regulations;
 - (b) comply with the Regulations for First Degree Curricula; and
 - (c) satisfy all the requirements of the curriculum in accordance with these regulations and the syllabuses.
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Period of study

DESN2 The curriculum for BASc (Design+) shall normally require eight semesters of full-time study, extending over not fewer than four academic years, and shall include any assessment to be held during and/or at the end of each semester. Candidates shall not in any case be permitted to extend their studies beyond the maximum period of registration of six academic years, unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of the Faculty.

Advanced standing

DESN3 Advanced standing may be granted to candidates in recognition of studies completed successfully before admission to the curriculum in accordance with UG2 of the Regulations of First Degree Curricula. Credits granted for advanced standing shall not normally be included in the calculation of the GPA unless permitted by the Board of the Faculty but will be recorded on the transcript of the candidate.

Selection of courses

DESN4 Candidates shall select their courses in accordance with these regulations and the guidelines as specified in the syllabuses before the beginning of each semester. Such selection shall be subject to the approval of the Program Director.

DESN5 Changes to the selection of courses may be made during the prescribed add/drop period of each semester, subject to the approval of the Program Director, and such changes shall not be reflected in the transcript. Requests for changes after the designated add/drop period of a semester shall not be considered, and a candidate withdrawing from any course without permission shall be given an F grade.

DESN6 Candidates shall not be permitted to select other courses for which a failed course forms a prerequisite unless permission is given by the Program Director for the candidates to be reassessed in the failed course and for them to satisfy the examiners in this.

DESN7 The Design+ Major will only open to candidates who are admitted to the BAsc (Design+) curriculum, and it will not be offered to other students to choose as a second major.

Curriculum requirements

DESN8 To complete the curriculum a candidate shall:

- (a) satisfy the requirements prescribed in UG5 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula;
 - (b) enrol in courses of a total of 240 credits, comprising of 36 credits in language and Common Core courses¹; 18 credits of BAsc core courses; 96 credits of courses in Design+ Major; and 90 credits of elective courses;
 - (c) follow instruction in the courses as prescribed under these regulations and satisfactorily complete all coursework requirements set as tests or as parts of any assessment and practical work to be undertaken as an integral part of the BAsc (Design+) curriculum; and
 - (d) satisfy the examiners in the assessment of the courses in the manner specified in the regulations and syllabuses.
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Progression in curriculum

DESN9

- (a) Candidates shall normally be required to take not fewer than 24 credits nor more than 30 credits in any one semester (except the summer semester) unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of the Faculty, or except in the last semester of study when candidates may be required to take fewer than 24 credits to satisfy the outstanding curriculum requirements.
- (b) Candidates may, of their own volition, take additional credits not exceeding 6 credits in each semester, accumulating up to a maximum of 72 credits in one academic year. With the special permission of the Board of the Faculty, candidates may exceed the annual study load of 72 credits in a given academic year provided that the total number of credits taken does not exceed 288 credits, save as provided for under DESN9 (c).
- (c) Where candidates are required to make up for failed credits, the Board of the Faculty may give permission for candidates to exceed the annual study load of 72 credits provided that the total number of credits taken does not exceed 432 credits for the maximum period of registration specified in DESN2.
- (d) Candidates may, with the approval of the Board of the Faculty, transfer credits for

¹ viz. 12 credits in language enhancement courses (i.e. 6 credits in an English-in-the-Discipline course and 6 credits in Chinese language enhancement), and 24 credits of courses in the Common Core Curriculum (comprising at least one course from each Area of Inquiry). Candidates who have achieved Level 5 or above in English Language in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE), or equivalent, are exempted from taking “CAES1000 Core University English”. In exceptional circumstances, strong candidates who have achieved Level 4 may be considered for admission to the curriculum but they will be required to take “CAES1000 Core University English” as supplementary credits and complete 246 credits for graduation from the University.

courses completed at other institutions at any time during their candidature. The number of transferred credits may be recorded in the transcript of the candidate, but the results of courses completed at other institutions shall not be included in the calculation of the GPA. The number of credits to be transferred shall not exceed half of the total credits normally required under the degree curricula of the candidates during their candidature at the University.

- (e) Unless otherwise permitted by the Board of the Faculty, candidates shall be recommended for discontinuation of their studies if they have:
 - (i) failed to complete successfully 36 or more credits in two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester), except where they are not required to take such a number of credits in the two given semesters, or
 - (ii) failed to achieve an average Semester GPA of 1.0 or higher for two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester), or
 - (iii) exceeded the maximum period of registration specified in the regulations of the degree.
 - (f) Candidates may be required by the Board of Examiners to take a reduced study load of not fewer than 24 credits if their academic progression is unsatisfactory.
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Assessment

DESN10 Candidates shall be assessed for each of the courses for which they have registered, and assessment may be conducted in any one or any combination of the following manners: written examinations or tests, written assignments or exercises, continuous assessment of coursework, laboratory work, field work, research or project reports, or any other manner as determined by the examiners. Only passed courses will earn credits. Grades shall be awarded in accordance with UG8(a) of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula.

DESN11

- (a) Candidates who are unable, because of illness, to be present at the written examination of any course may apply for permission to present themselves at a supplementary examination of the same course to be held before the beginning of the First Semester of the following academic year. Any such application shall be made on the form prescribed within two weeks of the first day of the candidate's absence from any examination. Any supplementary examinations shall be part of that academic year's examinations, and the provisions made in the regulations for failure at the first attempt shall apply accordingly.
- (b) Candidates who are unable, because of illness, to be present at any assessment task of any course may apply for permission to present themselves for supplementary assessment of the same course to be held in a manner prescribed at the Program Director's discretion.

DESN12

- (a) Candidates shall not be permitted to repeat a course for which they have received a D grade or above for the purpose of upgrading.
- (b) Where candidates are permitted or required to present themselves for re-assessment / re-examination / assessment in an alternative course, the new grade obtained together with the previous F grade shall be recorded on the transcript and will be included in the calculation of the semester GPA, the year GPA, the cumulative GPA

and graduation GPA.

- (c) The maximum number of attempts for a particular course or requirement is three.

DESN13 There shall be no appeal against the results of examinations and all other forms of assessment.

Failure in assessment

DESN14 Candidates are required to make up for failed courses in the following manner as prescribed by the Board of Examiners:

- (a) undergoing re-assessment/re-examination in the failed course to be held no later than the end of the following semester (not including the summer semester); or
 - (b) re-submitting failed coursework, without having to repeat the same course of instruction; or
 - (c) repeating the failed course by undergoing instruction and satisfying the assessments; or
 - (d) for elective courses, taking another course in lieu and satisfying the assessment requirements.
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Honours classification

DESN15

- (a) Honours classifications shall be awarded in five divisions: First Class Honours, Second Class Honours Division One, Second Class Honours Division Two, Third Class Honours, and Pass. The classification of honours shall be determined by the Board of Examiners for the degree in accordance with the following Graduation GPA scores (GGPA), with all courses taken (including failed courses) carrying weightings which are proportionate to their credit values:

<i>Class of honours</i>	<i>GGPA range</i>
First Class Honours	3.60 – 4.30
Second Class Honours	(2.40 – 3.59)
Division One	3.00 – 3.59
Division Two	2.40 – 2.99
Third Class Honours	1.70 – 2.39
Pass	1.00 – 1.69

- (b) Honours classification may not be determined solely on the basis of a candidate's Graduation GPA and the Board of Examiners for the degree may, at its absolute discretion and with justification, award a higher class of honours to a candidate deemed to have demonstrated meritorious academic achievement but whose Graduation GPA falls below the range stipulated in DESN 15(a) of the higher classification by not more than 0.1 Grade Point.
- (c) A list of candidates who have successfully completed all degree requirements shall be

posted on Faculty noticeboards.

Amended

12 July 2019

13 August 2019

17 October 2019

27 November 2019

5 December 2019